

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Malcolm LECOMPTE, et al.

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FOR: DIRECT BROADCAST IMAGING SATELLITE SYSTEM APPARATUS AND  
METHOD FOR PROVIDING REAL-TIME, CONTINUOUS MONITORING OF  
EARTH FROM GEOSTATIONARY EARTH ORBIT AND RELATED SERVICES**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS & TRADEMARKS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated **March 4, 2002**, and in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 371, Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration and the additional claim fees.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

The declaration enclosed herewith contains the Title of the Invention and the Inventor(s) name(s) and is believed, in combination with the attorney statement set forth below, to adequately identify the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63, as set forth in MPEP section 601.01.

The undersigned hereby states that the copy of the specification submitted herewith is in fact the application which the Inventor(s) executed by signing the enclosed Declaration.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Our check in the amount of \$1,326.00 is attached hereto. If any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the required Government fee, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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